

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 SOFIA 01361 111114Z

44

ACTION EUR-25

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 NIC-01 ACDA-19 SAJ-01 OMB-01 CIAE-00

DODE-00 PM-07 H-03 INR-10 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-10 PA-03

RSC-01 PRS-01 SPC-03 SS-15 USIA-15 IO-15 EB-11 COME-00

TRSE-00 DRC-01 /146 W

----- 073133

R 111022Z OCT 73

FM AMEMBASSY SOFIA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7116

INFO AMEMBASSY BELGRADE

AMEMBASSY BUCHAREST

AMEMBASSY BUDAPEST

AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

AMEMBASSY PRAGUE

AMEMBASSY WARSAW

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE SOFIA 1361

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, BU, UR

SUBJECT: BULGARIAN PUSHES UNITY WITH USSR IN WAKE BREZHNEV VISIT

REF: SOFIA 1263

1. THE FULL FORCE OF THE BULGARIAN AGITPROP MECHANISM IS OPERATING IN THE WAKE OF BREZHNEV'S VISIT TO SOFIA TO PUSH THE THEME OF CLOSER COOPERATION WITH USSR. EDITORIALS IN MEDIA (RADIO AND TV, AS WELL AS PRESS) HAVE STRESSED DESIREABILITY OF CLOSER TIES WITH USSR "IN ALL FIELDS OF LIFE". FRESHLY PAINTED SIGNS NOW DOT PARTS OF THE LANDSCAPE WITH PHOTOS OF BREZHNEV'S BEARHUG OF ZHIVKOV AT ARRIVAL SOFIA AIRPORT WITH SLOGANS BINDING TWO NATIONS TOGETHER. WE UNDERSTAND THAT VARIOUS AGITPROP MEETINGS ARE TAKING PLACE POINTING OUT ADVANTAGES OF WHAT ZHIVKOV DESCRIBES AS "NEW QUALITATIVE RELATIONSHIP" WITH USSR.

(BGE KNOWLEDGEABLE OBSERVER MAINTAINS THIS IS IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 SOFIA 01361 111114Z

GRATITUDE FOR INCREASED ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE.)

2. WE REMAIN AS MUCH IN DARK AS AVERAGE BULGARIAN, HOWEVER, WHAT THESE SLOGANS MAY MEAN IN PRACTICAL TERMS. BCP POLITBURO MEMBER ZHIVKO ZHIVKOV PROVIDED INTERESTING INTERVIEW IN OCTOBER 3 EDITION "TRUD" IN WHICH HE SUPPORTED TODOR ZHIVKOV'S FORMULATION LAST MONTH. RELATIONS BETWEEN GOB AND USSR, HE SAID, "REQUIRE A NEW FORMULATION, E.G., A UNION (SOYUZ) OF SOVEREIGN SOCIALIST COUNTRIES". ZHIVKOV REJECTS ALLEGATIONS AS BOURGEOIS PROPAGANDA THAT "NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE AND NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY OF A STATEDEPENDS ON HOW IT IS SEPARATED FROM THE SOVIET UNION". RELATIONS BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES, HE CONCLUDES, ARE "NEW EXPRESSION OF PROLETARIAN INTERNATIONALISM". ZHIVKOV INTERVIEW, WHICH IS MOST EXTENSIVE ON SUBJECT TO DATE, ALSO FAILS TO SPELL OUT WHAT CONCRETE FORM NEW COOPERATION WILL TAKE. HE DOES SAY, HOWEVER, THAT IN ECONOMY, "BOTH SIDES HAVE TAKEN A FURTHER STEP TOWARDS CLOSER COORDINATION OF NATIONAL PLANS". ZHIVKOV ALSO USES PICTURESQUE CHARACTERIZATION OF TWO COUNTRIES AS "ONE BODY REFRESHED WITH SAME BLOOD SYSTEM".

3. ALTHOUGH IT MAY BE MANY MONTHS BEFORE HARD EVIDENCE APPEARS OF WHAT THESE SLOGANS MAY MEAN, WE NOTE DEPARTURE YESTERDAY TO MOSCOW OF BCP DELEGATION LED BY SECRETARY GEORGI FILIPOV, CHARGED WITH ECONOMY AND PLANNING AND SECOND DELEGATION LET BY VENELIN KOTSEV, ACCOMPANIED BY MINISTER OF INTERNAL TRADE. BOTH GROUPS APPEAR TO BE WORKING LEVEL CHARGED WITH DISCUSSING ECONOMIC ARRANGEMENTS TO IMPLEMENT POLITICAL AGREEMENTS MADE AT TIME OF BREZHNEV VISIT.
BATJER

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: n/a
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 11 OCT 1973
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: golinofr
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1973SOFIA01361
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: n/a
From: SOFIA
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1973/newtext/t19731038/aaaabbuv.tel
Line Count: 94
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: SOFIA 1263
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: golinofr
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 06 SEP 2001
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <06-Sep-2001 by martinml>; APPROVED <07-Nov-2001 by golinofr>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: BULGARIAN PUSHES UNITY WITH USSR IN WAKE BREZHNEV VISIT
TAGS: PFOR, BU, UR
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005